

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 18 of page 20 has been amended as follows:

The optical fibers 2 to 5 of this embodiment mode are fiber collimators having a graded index type optical fiber, and their end faces are inclined about 3 to 8 degrees by cleaving or polishing and antireflection coatings are formed on these end faces to reduce return loss. The respective optical fibers 2 to 5 are arranged such that the tip portions of the bare portions 2a to 5a are approximately arranged in a straight line disposed generally perpendicular to the optical axis of each of the optical fibers. A SELFOC lens and an aspheric lenses showing similar lens effects may be also used instead of the grade index type optical fiber. When the SELFOC lens and the aspherical lens are used, it is also desirable to reduce the reflection loss by forming the antireflection coating.